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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 71**

**[Docket No. FAA-2019-0598; Airspace Docket No. 19-ASO-16]**

**RIN 2120-AA66**

**Proposed Amendment of the Class D and Class E Airspace; Meridian, MS**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to amend the Class D airspace at Joe Williams NOLF, Meridian, MS; Key Field, Meridian, MS; and NAS Meridian/McCain Field, Meridian, MS; the Class E airspace area designated as an extension to Class D airspace at Key Field; and the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Key Field, Joe Williams NOLF, and NAS Meridian/McCain Field. The FAA is proposing this action as the result of the decommissioning of the Kewanee VHF omnidirectional range (VOR) navigation aid, which provided navigation information for the instrument procedures at these airports, as part of the VOR Minimum Operational Network (MON) Program. The names and geographic coordinates of NAS Meridian/McCain Field and Joe Williams NOLF, and the geographic coordinates of Key Field would also be updated to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database. Airspace redesign is necessary for the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations at these airports.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 45 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on this proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590; telephone (202) 366-9826, or (800) 647-5527. You must identify FAA Docket No. FAA-2019-0598; Airspace Docket No. 19-ASO-16, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

FAA Order 7400.11C, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at [http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/). For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA Order 7400.11C at NARA, email [fedreg.legal@nara.gov](mailto:fedreg.legal@nara.gov) or go to <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

FAA Order 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeffrey Claypool, Federal Aviation Administration, Operations Support Group, Central Service Center, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177; telephone (817) 222-5711.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority for this Rulemaking**

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the

United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it would amend the Class D airspace at Joe Williams NOLF, Meridian, MS; Key Field, Meridian, MS; and NAS Meridian/McCain Field, Meridian, MS; the Class E airspace area designated as an extension to Class D airspace at Key Field; and the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Key Field, Joe Williams NOLF, and NAS Meridian/McCain Field to support IFR operations at these airports.

### **Comments Invited**

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views, or arguments, as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. Communications should identify both docket numbers and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. FAA-2019-0598/Airspace Docket No. 19-ASO-16." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

All communications received before the specified closing date for comments will be

considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

### **Availability of NPRMs**

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's web page at [http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/airspace\\_amendments/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments/).

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see the "ADDRESSES" section for the address and phone number) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Organization, Central Service Center, Operations Support Group, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177.

### **Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference**

This document proposes to amend FAA Order 7400.11C, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 13, 2018, and effective September 15, 2018. FAA Order 7400.11C is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11C lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

### **The Proposal**

The FAA is proposing an amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 by:

Amending the Class D airspace at Joe Williams NOLF, Meridian, MS, by updating the geographic coordinates of Joe Williams NOLF to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database, and would replace the outdated term "Airport/Facility Directory" with "Chart Supplement";

Amending the Class D airspace to within a 4.5-mile radius (reduced from a 5.3-mile radius) of Key Field, Meridian, MS; updating the city in the airspace legal description to Meridian, MS, (previously Meridian Key Field, MS) to comply with changes to FAA Order 7400.2M, Procedures for Handling Airspace Matters; removing the city listed with the airport in the airspace legal description to comply with changes to FAA Order 7400.2M; updating the geographic coordinates of Key Field to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database; and would replace the outdated term "Airport/Facility Directory" with "Chart Supplement";

Amending the Class D airspace to within a 5.3-mile radius (previously a 5.8-mile radius) of NAS Meridian/McCain Field, Meridian, MS; updating the city in the airspace legal description to Meridian, MS, (previously Meridian NAS-McCain Field, MS) to comply with changes to FAA Order 7400.2M; removing the city listed with the airport in the airspace legal description to comply with changes to FAA Order 7400.2M; updating the name and geographic coordinates of NAS Meridian/McCain Field (previously NAS-McCain Field) to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database; adding an extension 1 mile each side of the 009° bearing from the airport extending from the 5.3-mile radius to 5.5 miles north of the airport; adding an extension 1.5 miles each side of the 189° bearing from the airport extending from the 5.3-mile radius to 6 miles from the airport; adding an extension 1.6 miles each side of the Meridian TACAN 331° radial extending from the 5.3-mile radius to 5.6 miles northwest of the Meridian TACAN; and would replace the outdated term "Airport/Facility Directory" with "Chart Supplement";

Amending the Class E airspace area designated as an extension to a Class D airspace at Key

Field by updating the city in the airspace legal description to Meridian, MS, (previously Meridian/Key Field, MS) to comply with changes to FAA Order 7400.2M; removing the city listed with the airport in the airspace legal description to comply with changes to FAA Order 7400.2M; updating the geographic coordinates of Key Field and the Meridian VORTAC to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database; adding an extension 1 mile each side of the 009° bearing from the airport extending from the 4.5-mile radius to 4.9-miles north of the airport; adding an extension 1 mile each side of the 044° bearing from the airport extending from the 4.5-mile radius to 4.6 miles northeast of the airport; adding an extension 2.9 miles each side of the Meridian VORTAC 141° radial extending from the 4.5-mile radius to 11 miles southeast of the Meridian VORTAC; adding an extension 1 mile each side of the 189° bearing from the airport extending from the 4.5-mile radius to 4.6 miles south of the airport; adding an extension 1 mile each side of the 224° bearing from the airport extending from the 4.5-mile radius to 4.6 miles southwest of the airport; removing the extension northwest of the VORTAC; and would replace the outdated term "Airport/Facility Directory" with "Chart Supplement";

And amending the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface to within a 7-mile radius (reduced from an 8-mile radius) of Key Field; adding an extension 1 mile each side of the 009° bearing from Key Field extending from the 7-mile radius to 12.5 miles north of the airport; adding an extension 3.4 miles each side of the 009° bearing from the Key Field: RWY 19-LOC extending from the 7-mile radius of the airport to 11.1 miles north of the Key Field: RWY 19-LOC; adding an extension within 2 miles each side of the 044° bearing from the airport extending from the 7-mile radius of the airport to 11.6 miles northeast of the airport; adding an extension within 3.6 miles each side of the Meridian VORTAC 141° radial extending from the 7-mile radius of the airport to 13.9 miles southeast of the Meridian

VORTAC; adding an extension within 1 mile each side of the 189° bearing from the airport extending from the 7-mile radius of the airport to 12.6 miles south of the airport; adding an extension within 3.4 miles each side of the 189° bearing from the Key Field: RWY 01-LOC extending from the 7-mile radius of the airport to 11.2 miles south of the Key Field: RWY 01-LOC; amending the extension northwest of the Meridian VORTAC to within 1.5 miles (reduced from 2.5 miles) each side of the Meridian VORTAC 311° (previously 315°) radial extending from the 7-mile radius of the airport to 14.3 miles (increased from 7 miles) northwest of the Meridian VORTAC; within a 6.7 mile radius (decreased from a 7.4-mile radius) of Joe Williams NOLF, Meridian, MS; within a 7.8-mile radius (decreased from an 8-mile radius) of NAS Meridian/McCain Field; removing the extension "...within 4 miles each side of the 020° bearing from lat. 32°33'28"N., long, 88°33'33"W., extending from the 8-mile radius to 20 miles north of Meridian TACAN, and within a 25-mile radius of the Meridian VORTAC, extending clockwise from the 341° radial to the 040° radial, and within 8 miles north and 6 miles south of the Kewanee VORTAC 273° radial, extending from the VORTAC to long. 88°45'00"W."; adding an extension 6.7 miles either side of a line from Joe William NOLF to NAS Meridian/McCain Field; updating the names of Joe William NOLF (previously Joe Williams OLF), and NAS Meridian/McCain Field (previously NAS-McCain Field) and the geographic coordinates of Key Field, Joe Williams NOLF and NAS Meridian/McCain Field to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database; and removing the Meridian TACAN and Kewanee VORTAC from the airspace legal description.

This action is the result of an airspace review caused by the decommissioning of the Kewanee VOR, which provided navigation information for the instrument procedures at these airports, as part of the VOR MON Program.

Class D and E airspace designations are published in paragraph 5000, 6004, and 6005, respectively, of FAA Order 7400.11C, dated August 13, 2018, and effective September 15, 2018, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class D and E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

### **Regulatory Notices and Analyses**

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current, is non-controversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. It, therefore: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

### **Environmental Review**

This proposal will be subject to an environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures" prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

### **List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71**

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

### **The Proposed Amendment**

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, the Federal Aviation



Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

**PART 71 - DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR  
TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS**

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

**§ 71.1 [Amended]**

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.11C, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 13, 2018, and effective September 15, 2018, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000. Class D Airspace

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**ASO MS D Meridian, MS [Amended]**

Joe Williams NOLF, MS

(lat. 32°47'56"N., long. 88°50'04"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 3,000 feet MSL within a 4.2-mile radius of Joe Williams NOLF. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

**ASO MS D Meridian, MS [Amended]**

Key Field, MS

(lat. 32°19'57"N., long. 88°45'07"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,800 feet MSL within a 4.5-mile radius of Key Field. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Char Supplement.

**ASO MS D Meridian, MS [Amended]**

NAS Meridian/McCain Field, MS

(lat. 32°33'13"N., long. 88°33'19"W.)

Meridian TACAN

(lat. 32°34'42"N., long. 88°32'43"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,800 feet MSL within a 5.3-mile radius of NAS Meridian/McCain Field, and within 1 mile each side of the 009° bearing from the airport extending from the 5.3 mile radius to 5.5 miles north of the airport; and within 1.5 miles each side of the 189° bearing from the airport extending from the 5.3-mile radius to 6 miles south of the airport; and within 1.6 miles each side of the Meridian TACAN 331° radial extending from the 5.3-mile radius to 5.6 miles northwest the Meridian TACAN. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

Paragraph 6004. Class E Airspace Areas Designated as an Extension to a Class D or Class E Surface Area.

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**ASO MS E4 Meridian, MS [Amended]**

Key Field, MS

(lat. 32°19'57"N., long. 88°45'07"W.)

Meridian VORTAC

(lat. 32°22'42"N., long. 88°48'15"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within 1 mile each side of the 009° bearing from Key Field extending from the 4.5-mile radius of Key Field to 4.9 miles north of Key Field, and within 1 mile each side of the 044° bearing from Key Field extending from the 4.5-mile radius of Key Field to 4.6 miles northeast of Key Field, and within 2.9 miles each side of the Meridian VORTAC 141° radial extending from the 4.5-mile radius of Key Field to 11 miles southeast of the Meridian VORTAC, and within 1 mile each side of the 189° bearing from Key Field extending from the 4.5-mile radius of Key Field to 4.6 miles south of Key Field, and within 1 mile each side of the 224° bearing from Key Field extending from the 4.5-mile radius of Key Field to 4.6 miles southwest of Key Field. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

Paragraph 6005. Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

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**ASO MS E5 Meridian, MS [Amended]**

Key Field, MS

(lat. 32°19'57"N., long. 88°45'07"W.)

Key Field: RWY 19-LOC

(lat. 32°18'54"N., long. 88°45'25"W.)

Meridian VORTAC

(lat. 32°22'42"N., long. 88°48'15"W.)

Key Field: RWY 01-LOC

(lat. 32°20'52"N., long. 88°45'02"W.)

Joe Williams NOLF, MS

(lat. 32°47'56"N., long. 88°50'04"W.)

NAS Meridian/McCain Field, MS

(lat. 32°33'13"N., long. 88°33'19"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7-mile radius of Key Field, and within 1 mile each side of the 009° bearing from Key Field extending from the 7-mile radius of Key Field to 12.5 miles north of Key Field; and within 3.4 miles each side of the 009° bearing from the Key Field: RWY 19-LOC extending from the 7-mile radius of Key Field to 11.1 miles north of the Key Field: RWY 19-LOC, and within 2 miles each side of the 044° bearing from Key Field extending from the 7-mile radius of Key Field to 11.6 miles northeast of Key Field, and within 3.6 miles each side of the Meridian VORTAC 141° radial extending from the 4.5-mile radius of Key Field to 13.9 miles southeast of the Meridian VORTAC, and within 1 mile each side of the 189° bearing from Key Field extending from the 7-mile radius of Key Field to 12.6 miles south of Key Field, and within 3.4 miles each side of the 189° bearing from the Key Field: RWY 01-LOC extending from the 7-mile radius of Key Field to 11.2 miles south of the Key Field: RWY 01-LOC, and within 1.5 miles each side of the Meridian VORTAC 311° radial extending from the 7-mile radius of Key Field to 14.3 miles northwest of the Meridian VORTAC, and within a 6.7-mile radius of Joe Williams NOLF, and within a 7.8-mile radius of NAS Meridian/McCain Field, and within 6.7 miles each side of a line from Joe Williams NOLF to NAS Meridian/McCain Field.

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